

Dugout Creek Fuels Reduction and Habitat Restoration

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Location: BLM-managed public lands in Carbon County, Utah, situated approximately eight miles north of Highway 6 and the Soldier Creek turnoff, northeast of Price in the foothills of the Book Cliffs.

Project Acres: Approximately 13,700 acres

Legal: T. 13 S., R. 11 E., Sections 23-26, 35 and 36; T. 13. S., R. 12 E., Sections 19-22 and 26-35; T. 14 S., R. 11 E., Section 1; T. 14 S., R. 12 E., Sections 3-6, 8 and 9



Project Description: Project planning has been ongoing for this proposed project since early 2010. The proposal is a collaborative effort between the BLM and the Utah Division of Wildlife Services and would restore areas that were bulldozer-chained during the early 1960's by establishing an environment more favorable to grass, forbs and shrubs. The proposed design also involves the thinning and reduction of hazardous fuels including dense, closed-canopy trees and heavy brush, to reduce the potential for significant crown fire in the pinyon-juniper woodlands. To meet additional fuels and wildlife objectives, encroaching pinyon-juniper would be removed from sagebrush communities to encourage a healthy sagebrush component. If the project is approved, initial work on the first phase of treatment could begin as early as fall of 2010.